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1. PARA. 4 OF REF (A) REPORTS GERMAN VIEW OF REACTIONS

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TO PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIALIZATION INSTITUTE

EXPRESSED AT APRIL 7-8 MEETING OF OECD AD HOC HLG SUB-GROUP ON INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION. FOLLOWING TWO PARAS. OF THIS MESSAGE SUMMARIZE OUR REF (B) REPORT OF DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC AT MEETING. NOTE THAT OUR CONCLUSION IS THAT, ALTHOUGH PRELIMINARY RESERVATIONS WERE EXPRESSED BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS, NEVERTHELESS OVERALL CONSENSUS OF GROUPS WAS TO AWAIT MORE DETAILS FROM US BEFORE TAKING POSITIONS.

2. AT CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST U.S. DELEGATE GAVE PRESENTATION ON INTERNATIONAL INDUSTRIALIZATION INSTITUTE, STRESSING HOWEVER THAT OUR CONCEPTION OF INSTITUTE IS STILL IN PLANNING STAGE, AND IDEAS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE REFINED AND ELABORATED CONSIDERABLY AS OTHER COUNTRIES' VIEWS ARE SOLICITED. OUR PRESENTATION WAS IN ESSENCE A STATUS REPORT IN THE NATURE OF "THINKING OUT LOUD." SAID WE WOULD WELCOME SUGGESTIONS AND COMMENTS. QUESTIONING FOCUSED ON TWO MAIN CONCERNS: A. RELATIONSHIP TO EXISTING ORGANIZATIONS (UNIDO); AND B. PROBLEM OF AVOIDING DUPLICATION WITH EXISTING INSTITUTIONS (E.G., DEVELOPMENT CENTER). GERMAN DELEGATE REMINDED U.S. THAT UNDER LOME CONVENTION THERE IS PROVISION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INSTITUTE VERY SIMILAR TO U.S. PROPOSAL, AND RECOMMENDED WE OBTAIN EXPERIENCES OF THIS INSTITUTE BEFORE BEGINNING A NEW ONE. FRG ALSO QUESTIONED NEED FOR YET ANOTHER INTERNATIONAL ENTITY, AND URGED INSTEAD THAT EXISTING ENTITIES LIKE UNIDO BE STRENGTHENED AND IMPROVED. THE U.K. WAS GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. PROPOSAL BUT, LIKE FRG, QUESTIONED RELATIONSHIP OF PROPOSED INSTITUTE TO UNIDO. OTHER DELEGATIONS FOLLOWED U.K. LINE OF QUESTIONING.

3. U.S. DELEGATE DESCRIBED ASSUMPTION UNDERLYING PROPOSAL. WE CITED US SUCCESS OF RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT MULTILATERAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES AS INDICATIVE OF DESIRABILITY OF PLACING INDUSTRIALIZATION INSTITUTE OUTSIDE OF EXISTING POLITICAL FRAMEWORK. NEW INSTITUTE WOULD OPERATE WITH AND THROUGH AFFILIATE ORGANIZATIONS ALSO WORKING ON INDUSTRIALIZATION PROBLEMS, AND WOULD SUPPLEMENT AND COMPLEMENT EXISTING RESEARCH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACTIVITIES. IN ANY CASE, NEW INSTITUTE WOULD NOT SUPPLANT ORGANIZATIONS LIKE UNIDO, BUT WOULD, VIA MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH, PLAY CRUCIAL CATALYTIC ROLE IN VARIOUS AREAS OF THE INDUSTRIALIZATION PROCESS. WE SAID WE WILL CONSULT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES IN COURSE OF PREPARING OUR DETAILED BLUEPRINT. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION SUBGROUP SEEMED GENERALLY SATISFIED TO AWAIT MORE DETAILS.

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